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1. J.P. NARAYAN'S LONG ANTICIPATED MARCH ON PARLIAMENT,
MARCH 6, MUSTERED BY OUR COUNT BETWEEN
1000,000 AND 200,00 PEOPLE -- FAR LESS THAN THE ONE
MILLION TARGET BUT LARGE ENOUGH TO BE IMPRESSIVE BY
DELHI STANDARDS. THE TURNOUT WAS LIMITED BY MEASURES
REPORTEDLY TAKEN BY THE NEIGHBORING HARAYANA AND UTTAR
PRADESH STATE GOVERNMENTS AND BY THE GOI TO INHIBIT ROAD
AND RAIL TRANSPORTATION INTO DELHI ON MARCH 5 AND 6.

2. THE MARCH ITSELF WAS PEACEFUL. BUSINESS LIFE IN
THE CAPITAL CONTINUED AS USUAL, DESPITE THE DEMONSTRATORS'
CALL FOR THE CESSION OF ALL BUT ESSENTIAL SERVICES. TEN
THOUSAND CENTRAL DELHI POLICEMEN AS WELL AS CENTRAL RESERVE
POLICE AND BORDER SECUTIRY FORCE UNITS LINED THE STREETS
ALONG THE 10 KM. ROUTE OF MARCH BETWEEN RED FORT IN OLD
DELHI AND THE PARLIAMENT IN NEW DELHI. PEOPLE ALONG THE
ROUTE CHEERED ENTHUSIASTICALLY WHEN THE AGING NARAYAN,
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SEATED ON A BARLANDED CHAIR FIXED TO THE TOP OF A JEEP, PASSED

BY.

3. THE LARGEY STUDENT AND MIDDLE-CLASS URBAN HINDU REPRESENTATION IN THE CROWD REFLECTED THE ORGANIZING HAND OF THE JANA SANGH PARTY. SEVERAL HUNDRED SIKH ELDERS ARMED WITH SPEARS, SWORDS, HALBERDS AND BOWS LENT A MOST DRAMATIC AND COLORFUL FLAVOR TO THE MARCH. CONTINGENTS FROM MOST STATES IN INDIA PARTICIPATED WITH THE LARGEST GROUPS FROM THE HINDI-SPEAKING AREAS OF NORTH INDIA.

3. NARAYAN ALONG WITH LEADERS OF NON-CPI OPPOSITION PARTY

PRESENTED A CHARTER OF DEMANDS TO THE PRESIDING OFFICERS OF BOTH HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT FOLLOWING THE MARCH. THE CHARTER (BEING POUCED TO NEA/INS) CALLS FOR ELECTIONS IN GUJARAT AND BIHAR, EDUCATIONAL AND ECONOMIC AS WELL AS ELECTORAL REFORMS, THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE GOI'S EMERGENCY POWERS AND THE ERADICATION OF POLITICAL CORRUPTION. THERE WAS NO REPEAT NO REFERENCE TO FOREIGN POLICY IN THE CHARTER.

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